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SUBJECT: DE LATTRE NAMED TO CREDIT NATIONAL

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1. ANDRE DE LATTRE, DEPUTY GOVERNOR OF BANK OF FRANCE (FOREIGN OPERATIONS) HAS CONFIRMED TO US THAT HE WILL BE NAMED CHAIRMAN AND PRESIDENT OF CREDIT NATIONAL, QUASI-PUBLIC INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK, REPLACING CLAPPIER, NEW GOVERNOR OF BANK OF FRANCE. DE LATTRE EXPECTS THAT IN HIS NEW CAPACITY, HE WILL BE ASKED BY FRENCH GOVT TO TAKE CONTACT WITH OIL EXPORTING COUNTRIES, FOR PURPOSE OF TRYING TO ATTRACT SOME OF THEIR FUNDS FOR INVESTMENT IN FRANCE.

2. DE LATTRE SAID THAT CHANGE IN GOVERNORSHIP OF BANK OF FRANCE (WHICH, BY FREEING CREDIT NATIONAL POST, TRIGGERED HIS OWN MOVE) HAD COME MORE QUICKLY THAN HE HAD

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ANTICIPATED. IT HAD GENERALLY BEEN THOUGHT THAT WORMSER

WOULD NOT BE LEAVING BANK OF FRANCE BEFORE END OF YEAR.
HOWEVER, PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING APPARENTLY DECIDED
THAT BEST TIME TO BRING IN NEW GOVERNOR WAS CONCURRENTLY
WITH ARRIVAL OF NEW INCUMBENT IN POST OF ECONOMICS AND
FINANCE MINISTER, AND AT START OF NEW ANTI-INFLATION
PROGRAM. DE LATTRE ALSO THOUGHT THAT WORMSER'S ARTICLE
IN FIGARO HAD NOT HAD MUCH TO DO WITH GOVT'S DECISION
TO REPLACE HIM. WE HAVE GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE, HOW-
EVER, THAT THIS IS JUDGMENT WHICH WORMSER HIMSELF DOES
NOT SHARE.
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